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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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MAY 26, 1896.—Ordered to be printed.

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Mr. STEWART, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany S. 1666.]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1666) for the relief of the Overton Hotel Company, of Memphis, Tenn., having had the same under consideration, beg leave to submit the following report:

Your committee are of the opinion that this claim should be referred to the Court of Claims for findings of fact, and report herewith the following resolution to that effect, and recommend its adoption:

*Resolved*, That the bill (S. 1666) for the relief of the Overton Hotel Company, of Memphis, Tennessee, together with all accompanying papers be, and the same is hereby, referred to the Court of Claims in pursuance of the provisions of the act of Congress, "to provide for the bringing of suits against the Government of the United States," approved March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, to find and report to the Senate the facts bearing upon the merits of the claim as to the term of occupancy of the said Overton Hotel from the first of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, at which date the said Court of Claims, having determined that the State of Tennessee ceased to be hostile territory and therefore not to be regarded as the seat of war within the meaning of the third section of the Bowman Act (see *Neal v. U. S.*, C. Cls. R. 21, p. 240), and the rental value of said property during said term of occupancy, and all other facts contemplated by the provisions of said act.